



Week of July 23 – 29, 2008

Air Force sponsorship program

Summertime is peak relocation season for the military, and the sponsorship program is one way the Air Force eases the transition from base to base for Airmen and their families.

The sponsorship program is part of the Air Force Individualized Newcomer Treatment and Orientation, or INTRO, program which is designed to facilitate permanent change of station (PCS) moves by welcoming and assisting newly arrived Airmen and their families. Sponsors provide a valuable service to inbound Airmen. Sponsors can help reduce the stress and anxiety that often accompanies a PCS move through positive, open and honest communication.

Here are some things Airmen should remember when sponsoring new Airmen:

- All Airmen are required to complete training prior to becoming sponsors. Training varies from base to base, and may be completed online, one-on-one or in a group setting. Training is typically offered monthly by the local Airman & Family Readiness Center as part of its comprehensive relocation program
- First-term Airmen should have their NCO supervisors assigned as sponsors so they are readily available to keep them on the right track and to reaffirm Air Force core values, standards and policies. Career Airmen should have sponsors matched by Air Force Specialty Code, rank and family structure to help answer questions and address concerns specific to the inbound Airman's situation
- Sponsors of first-term Airmen should contact them immediately, arrange for their housing and in-processing, meet them upon arrival and visit them during their time at the FTA Center. Sponsors should provide inbound Airmen with insight about the community, base mission, local schools, housing, area recreational facilities and spouse employment.

For more information about the sponsorship program, contact your local Airman & Family Readiness Center or refer to AFI 36-2103, INTRO Program.

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